

Current Economic Programs Printed Survey Results: by the *Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, Orders* Statistics Users Respondent Base

U.S. Census Bureau
Current Economic Statistics User Survey

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I. DATA CONTENT

Your answers identifying the survey data you use will help us understand our users' patterns of data use.

1. Which Current Economic Statistics from the Census Bureau do you use? (Mark all that apply.)

(1) Monthly

0.3%;	1	None
59.2%;	170	Retail Sales
48.8%;	140	Wholesale Trade
71.4%;	205	Manufacturing/Trade Inventory/Sales
63.8%;	183	Housing Starts
47.7%;	137	Building Permits
49.1%;	141	New Home Sales
47.4%;	136	Value of New Construction Put in Place
31.4%;	90	Housing Completions
26.5%;	76	Expenditures for Residential Improvements
33.4%;	96	New Residential Construction
15.7%;	45	New Mobile Home Placements
56.4%;	162	Monthly Imports and Exports
63.1%;	181	Current Industrial Reports
100.0%;	287	Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, Orders

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(2) Quarterly

58.3%;	98	Quarterly Financial Report
83.9%;	141	Current Industrial Reports
3.6%;	6	Federal Assistance Awards Data System
12.5%;	21	Quarterly Tax Survey
4.8%;	8	Quarterly Public Employee Retirement

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(3) Annual

50.0%;	124	Annual Retail Trade
46.0%;	114	Annual (Wholesale) Trade
21.4%;	53	Annual Survey of Communications
26.2%;	65	Transportation Annual Survey
28.2%;	70	Service Annual Survey
43.1%;	107	County Business Patterns

22.6%;	56	ZIP Code Business Patterns
45.2%;	112	Statistics of U.S. Businesses
26.6%;	66	Characteristics of New Housing
31.9%;	79	Annual Building Permits
22.6%;	56	New Residential Construction in Selected Metropolitan Areas
39.1%;	97	Annual Capital Expenditures
82.3%;	204	Annual Survey of Manufactures
67.7%;	168	Current Industrial Reports
25.0%;	62	Research and Development Survey
41.9%;	104	Plant Capacity Utilization
8.5%;	21	Education Finance Survey
12.9%;	32	State Tax Collection Survey
5.6%;	14	Annual Public Employee Retirement
10.5%;	26	Annual Survey of Public Employment
9.7%;	24	Consolidated Federal Funds Report
17.7%;	44	State Government Finances
52.8%;	131	Annual Imports and Exports

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II. DATA DELIVERY

The Census Bureau is considering use of the Internet as the primary method of data delivery. By completing the following questions, you will help us retain the most essential delivery formats and design the best possible data delivery service.

(4) 2. How do you receive current economic data now? (Mark all that apply.)

84.9%;	242	Printed Publications	16.5%;	47	Direct (E-mail) delivery
78.9%;	225	World Wide Web (Internet)	1.4%;	4	Regular mail
27.4%;	78	CD-ROMs	0.7%;	2	Library
17.9%;	51	FAX	9.5%;	27	Other
16.8%;	48	Diskettes			

Replies 285; Forms 287

- EBB (of Stat-USA) Phone calls
- Newspaper
- Economic Bulletin Board
- from others in the organization we use ftp site extensively.
- Would prefer receiving printed schedules to let me know what data is available via internet.
- News media
- Commerce Department Economic Bulletin Board
- Electronic "Bulletin Boards"
- TAPE 1/2
- Check values by telephone
- also use microfiche in some cases.
- time-share vendor (private)
- Bulletin Board Commerce Dept.
- hard copy computer run
- Analytics
- News Services-Market News.
- Newswires
- Intermediate Data Vendor.3,4,6,
- Fax from Japanese media
- FTP - Internet
- Stat-USA

- Receive nothing now-Provide as you require by law
- STAT-Usa Bulletin Board
- EBB//Electronic Bulletin Board
- Overnight Delivery of NIA data
- Subscribe to America Statistic Index on Microfiche
- News Recall Services-i.e. Dow Jones Reuters
- STAT-USA+WEFA Group

(5) 3. What format do you PREFER when downloading data for further manipulation? (Mark all that apply.)

68.5%;	187	Spreadsheet (e.g., wkl, xls, etc...)
24.2%;	66	Database (e.g., dbf, mdb, etc...)
21.6%;	59	ASCII delimited
20.9%;	57	ASCII flat files
17.2%;	47	Retrieve from print or screen and enter manually
16.5%;	45	Do not manipulate data
3.3%;	9	Other

Replies 273; Forms 287

- pdf format
- Sas data sets
- Charts and Trends
- to be determined
- Text files: txt. or PRN
- SAS. SD2
- Word Document
- Anything readable
- pdf

4. What capabilities do you want on the Census Internet site? (For each line, indicate the degree of your preferences, from 5 [high] to 1 [low].)

(6) a. Direct (E-mail) delivery:

47.6%;	119	5	17.6%;	44	3	8.4%;	21	1
14.0%;	35	4	6.8%;	17	2	5.6%;	14	Don't know

Replies 250; Forms 287

(7) b. E-mail notification:

43.3%;	106	5	18.8%;	46	3	6.1%;	15	1
18.0%;	44	4	7.8%;	19	2	6.1%;	15	Don't know

Replies 245; Forms 287

(8) c. Retrieve/display to screen:

56.8%;	137	5	16.2%;	39	3	6.6%;	16	1
13.3%;	32	4	1.7%;	4	2	5.4%;	13	Don't know

Replies 241; Forms 287

(9) d. Search:

70.2%;	184	5	10.3%;	27	3	1.9%;	5	1
15.3%;	40	4	0.8%;	2	2	1.5%;	4	Don't know

Replies 262; Forms 287

(10) e. Download complete data sets:

64.2%;	163	5	11.8%;	30	3	3.5%;	9	1
12.6%;	32	4	5.1%;	13	2	2.8%;	7	Don't know

Replies 254; Forms 287

(11) f. Download selected data:

77.3%;	201	5	5.8%;	15	3	1.2%;	3	1
10.8%;	28	4	3.1%;	8	2	1.9%;	5	Don't know

Replies 260; Forms 287

(12) g. Software help/tutorials:

22.7%;	52	5	28.4%;	65	3	11.8%;	27	1
16.6%;	38	4	15.3%;	35	2	5.2%;	12	Don't know

Replies 229; Forms 287

(13) h. Publication-quality printing:

31.0%;	74	5	20.5%;	49	3	15.1%;	36	1
16.7%;	40	4	14.2%;	34	2	2.5%;	6	Don't know

Replies 239; Forms 287

(14) i. Charts and graphs:

27.8%;	68	5	18.0%;	44	3	16.3%;	40	1
18.0%;	44	4	16.3%;	40	2	3.7%;	9	Don't know

Replies 245; Forms 287

(15) j. Geographic maps:

21.6%;	51	5	16.9%;	40	3	20.8%;	49	1
17.8%;	42	4	15.7%;	37	2	7.2%;	17	Don't know

Replies 236; Forms 287

(16) k. Other, please specify:

70.0%;	14	electronic bulletin board	30.0%;	6	Other
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Replies 20; Forms 287

- Publications like QFR to be in spreadsheet format or mdb for easy data manipulation after downloading.
- Structure and specialists available to help researchers find data.
- greater depth of detail
- Don't know if electronic bulletin is used to collect
- electronic
- Update full report at release time

(17) I. Electronic Bulletin Board (To collect write-ins)

100.0%;	1 5	0.0%;	0 3	0.0%;	0 1
0.0%;	0 4	0.0%;	0 2	0.0%;	0 Don't know

Replies 1; Forms 287

III. DATA USAGE

Your answers describing how you use the data will help us design the most effective Current Economic Statistics retrieval tool.

(18) 5. Do you combine/compare/merge data from more than one source listed in Question 1?

24.1%;	66 No	75.9%;	208 Yes
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Replies 274; Forms 287

(19) 6. What time periods do you consider when using these data? (Mark X all that apply.)

64.5%;	180 trends up to 5 years	42.3%;	118 latest 1 or 2 periods
63.8%;	178 5+ years	0.0%;	0 Other
45.2%;	126 trends up to 1 year		

Replies 279; Forms 287

(20) 7. How do you use the data? (Mark all that apply.)

52.7%;	144 Create value-added products/services
35.5%;	97 Perform patron/client inquiries
29.7%;	81 Inform marketing decisions
24.2%;	66 Inform investment decisions
18.3%;	50 Republish in newspaper/journal
15.0%;	41 Store reports/printouts for archival purposes
7.0%;	19 Locate new sites
0.4%;	1 Other

Replies 273; Forms 287

- Store data in database.
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(21) 8. What explanatory information do you consult when using these data? (Mark all that apply.)

71.0%;	191 Definition of terms
56.1%;	151 Narrative text describing survey results
53.5%;	144 Sampling and estimation methodology
40.9%;	110 Survey design

11.2%; 30 None
3.0%; 8 Other

Replies 269; Forms 287

- Explanations of data changes/revisions
- short trend summary is extremely helpful-where possible.
- Direct contact with Census analysts
- Comparisons to earlier surveys and/or similar data from other agencies--e.g. census to BEA in one estimates.
- footnotes (CIR)
- AD HOC
- Background papers, Journal Articles
- Stat Conf. Level re: validity/reliability

(22) 9. Do you have any pressing data or information needs that are not currently being met?

- Estimate of sales from space-based telecommunications.
- We are very much interested in unadjusted counterparts of tables 7 & 8 of the FT900 release being made available on internet on the day of release. Publications like QFR also need to be made available in spreadsheet or mdb for us to further manipulate data.
- No. Increasingly more and more data sets are becoming available electronically-which makes our work easier by eliminating manual inputing of data.
- Value of the U.S. apparel protection reported in the CIR - Need URGENTLY!!
- Non-residential building permit data.
- No.
- If I request "personal incom 1989-1992 monthly", the database would show me what I requested data.
- Capital Outlays Quarterly By Industry
- Automated material Handling systems ie. order fulfilling & sortation (via dispensing)
- need 6-digit information
- Information on nonresidential construction.
- No.
- "807" Production-sharing trade at the 2-digit SIC level showing total U.S. import value and the value of U.S. components sent offshore for assembly.
- Need more monthly physical output dat for manufacturing.
- Foreign trade - exports & imports - by 4-digit (data that had been available in "Trades Employment") - without SIC (& soon NAIC), cannot compare trade with domestic activity.
- Imports and Exports by SIC code; 3 or 4 digit. Move industry detail in M3 report.
- Monthly retail sales were previously available by U.S. region! We need this!
- No.
- MCD Business Patterns, Massachusetts is doing away with county government, MCD income estimates.
- Non-residential building permits--number by type of building.
- The availability of Residential and Commercial Building Permit Data.
- Internet combustion engine parts--pistons, rings, pins, sleeves-data on units produced/price.
- I'd love to see employment data by SIC based on place of residence. Also wish for reconciliation between RIMS, SIC, & NAICS.
- Int'l trade data on internet are inadequate. Only press releases are there. When data are revised, if data are not in the press release, there is no way to get the revisions (ex: monthly data from exhibits 6&7 of FT900.
- Monthly historical trade data.
- Number of Mobile Homes & Value of, by state, on a monthly basis. (Currently only published annually) -- Also, by county, if possible.
- 1) Monthly building permits by stats. 2) Retail sales by states & MSA's.
- No.
- Better capital expenditure data and Better motor vehicle data.

- More timely data.
- Non-residential building permits data and value of new non-residential construction part in place.
- Yes: Durable goods forecast for up to 12 months. I can't find this info anywhere.
- 1) NAICS to harmonized code concordance. 2) Timely plant capacity utilization at greatest detail level possible. 3) Windows version import data/monthly annual easy to use historical with full detail. 4) New Home sales (without land).
- We are always looking for very current information. We normally use Census data for historical trends and background.
- MSA-level data and economic projections. New projections of pollution control expenditures (PACE study)
- Current input-output reports; 5 yrs. is too old!
- YES! Bring back non-residential state/local permits authorized! This was a severe loss for interpreting local economic trends. Also, more geographic detail, more frequently.
- Exports from Manufacturing establishments.
- We need later than 1992 figures on U.S. Companies that export & import. Only data now available is the analytical report series AR 92-2, "Selected characteristics...1992"
- BLS has great site. Well organized. Need to make it easy to find seasonal factors and benchmark.
- Organic Chemicals Annual was very useful before it was discontinued. We would like annual production, consumption figures made available again.
- More frequent substate mfg. stats (annual survey is state wide only)
- More detailed annual (quarterly) production data on high technologies (electronics).
- Household Expenditure Data at State Level.
- I need quarter-by-quarter growth figures in areas such as sales, inventories, GOP, construction, etc.
- Regional retail sales (metropolitan area) monthly non-residential building permits by metropolitan area monthly.
- Pollution abatement expenditures by SIC
- investment plans by SIC
- The 1997 Census is not out yet.
- Want monthly retail trade by state & MSA back.
- 1). Inventory by stage for M3 categories. 2). Separation of electronic components into semiconductors and other.
- Need more detailed annual data for 6 digit SIC codes
- Place and regional economic data sets in relation to population/race trends.
- Better linkage between manufacturing industries and downstream reproducing and distribution. Information pertaining to weights or units with respect to distribution. At processing we measure weights and units. At distribution and are measured. It's discontinuous and you can't measure what the system is doing.
- Yes, but this will always be the case!
- Geographic data by product class, especially in county business patterns. Totals at the 4-digit industry level aren't detailed enough.
- Make data reports easier to print off of the web.
- Move capital expenditure data--more frequent, more detailed
- Better data on computer industry, especially PC's
- Service Data on an annual/quarterly/monthly basis by 2,3, & 4-digit SIC!
- Website is extremely difficult to navigate.
- Non-residential permits!!
- Crime--not all areas of the U.S. participate in their state uniform crime reports program, so it becomes difficult to make informed decisions.
- Need detailed PPI data.
- Elimination of Group II sales data and problems
- Economic data for lower half and upper half of the work force.
- Median income and poverty tables are not in spreadsheet form (they one were).
- Imports and exports by 4-digit SIC. Very important--in print. Publication form--quarterly.
- We would like to see more economic data and analyses at the state & MSA level.
- An explanation of why government policy has abandoned the domestic manufacturing/industrial base upon which the nation's self-sufficiency has rested.
- Quarterly data, analyzed growth rates for all statistics. Currently, only some of the data is shown as

- a quarterly growth rate analyzed.
- More Detailed Segmenting
- MSA retail sales
- Monthly service sector sales counterpart data set to retail, wholesale, and manufacturing shipments.
- The more detailed (down to specific product line) the better.
- The more history, the better.
- Immediate posting of data revisions when significant revisions are undertaken.
- Information on type of procurement contracts by NASA and DOD to the space industry.
- We have a need for long historical time series and for long-term forecasts.
- Information about how well the ACES programs capture new business formation and business deaths.
- U.S. Industrial Outlook
- Commercial Building Permits County level on a timely basis.
- As a foreign academic library, we are concerned about cost of access.
- Report on production of industrial fabrics

IV. INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION ISSUES

We will soon begin restructuring the Current Economic Surveys based on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Your answers will help us ensure that these surveys continue to provide the economic information needed by markets, policy makers, and business people. For more information on NAICS, see the Bureau's web site: <http://www.census.gov/NAICS>.

(24) 10. At what levels of detail do you MOST FREQUENTLY USE industry data classified by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)? (Mark all that apply.)

68.9%; 188 4-digit industries (or maximum detail I can get)
 37.7%; 103 3-digit industry groups
 37.0%; 101 Sector totals (SIC division); e.g., Manufacturing or Retail Trade
 36.6%; 100 2-digit major groups
 10.3%; 28 NA (don't use SIC-based data)
 4.8%; 13 Other

Replies 273; Forms 287

- 6 TO 10 digit
- D & B 10 digit breakdown
- Highly disaggregated trade data
- 7-digit in some cases
- more detail needed
- Greater detail when available
- The greatest level available--CIR level. Product level.
- sub-groups within 4-digit
- HS System Schedules B.
- seven digit
- Product Codes
- Whatever you require by law
- UP TO 8-DIGIT

(25) 11. Were you aware that the SIC system is being replaced by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)?

21.2%; 58 I was unaware of this
 34.3%; 94 I am partially aware, but lack details
 44.5%; 122 I am aware and understand some implications

Replies 274; Forms 287

12. Would you like to receive more information about NAICS?

(26) Yes, please send me - (Mark all that apply)

89.2%;	165	A brochure that explains NAICS	28.6%;	53	Conference announcements
61.1%;	113	NAICS implementation plans	5.9%;	11	Other

Replies 185; Forms 287

- A copy
 - Comparison-SIC VS. NAICS Similar to when SIC definitions change.
 - Contacted by local information office fo Bureau.
 - A manual and numerical list
 - Definitions of NAICS codes.
 - I am awaiting CD-ROM!
 - We bought the big NIACS book earlier this year--has it been updated?
 - Already know
 - Booklet with new codes
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(27) No Thanks -

62.4%;	58	I will check the Census Bureau's web site (www.census.gov/naics)
37.6%;	35	I don't need more information about NAICS

Replies 93; Forms 287

V. USER PROFILE

Please tell us about yourself so we may serve you better.

(28) 13. Type of organization.

56.0%;	154	Business	2.9%;	8	Media
16.4%;	45	Government	0.7%;	2	Consultant
9.5%;	26	Academic/Research	0.4%;	1	Library
7.3%;	20	Association	2.9%;	8	Other
4.0%;	11	Individual			

Replies 275; Forms 287

- Information and consulting firm
 - Consulting
 - Market Research/Publishing
 - Economics Consulting
 - Think tank.
 - Labor Union
 - Library (University
 - Corp. Library
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(29) 14. Do you work in your organization's library?

24.6%;	67	Yes	75.4%;	205	No
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Replies 272; Forms 287

(30) 15. What is your affiliation with the Census Bureau?

83.2%;	228	None	0.7%;	2	Census Information Center
4.7%;	13	Business/Industry Data Center	0.7%;	2	State Data Center Affiliate
3.3%;	9	State Data Center	7.3%;	20	Other

Replies 274; Forms 287

- user of Census data
 - Special Sworn Employee
 - Federal User
 - Employed by US DOC/BXA
 - Cooperator in disseminating permits authorized data
 - unsure
 - Depository
 - BEA Statistical Agency (DOC)
 - Affiliate Data Center
 - Fund the CIR-MA35N
 - Regional planning agency.
 - DOC Staff
 - Economist
 - Data use.
 - Heavy user
 - GPO Depository
 - BEA, U.S. Department of Commerce
 - Associate Data Center
 - They do work for our Division
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(35) 20. May we contact you to follow up on this questionnaire?

76.0%;	203	Yes	24.0%;	64	No
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Replies 267; Forms 287

(36) Question 21. Remarks:

- It would be nice to have all reports available in spreadsheets format. For any publication reports that contain large tables and data, mdb file format would be an ideal too.
- We greatly appreciate this survey. I'd like to stress one major concern we have: As you move toward complete Internet delivery of data-please continue to publish "hard copies" of the economic reports for us to compare as backup. We have noticed that occasionally there are errors in Electronic Bulletin Board and Internet files--so we rely on the hard copy as backup. We use it as a safeguard. Thank you and feel free to contact me at your convenience.
- Would like info on NAICS asap.
- I have never dealt with a government organization as polite, knowledgeable, helpful & responsive as I have from all the people at the Census Bureau (in the current Industrial report area).
- The Census Bureau homepages needs more instructions on how to retrieve certain series such as: Producer Price Index and Commodity Codes. I always have to call someone in the Bureau to get help. I do like the idea, however, of being able to get so much data right on the Internet.
- 1). It is important to be able to retrieve data in easy to use formats (spreadsheet or ascii)- "pdf" formats are convenient to print, but difficult to use. 2). Please see question 9. 3). We are concerned about the discontinuity in time series data that will occur with NAICS. The 1987 SIC change was a significant problem-NAICS will likely be much worse. Any help from Census (bridges, publication of data in both classifications) would be a great help to data users.
- The Bureau of the Census has done a great job with its web sites. With the exception of some unpublished data, everything is available through the internet. The unpublished data is received by direct e-mail.

- Survey of manufacturing have input from business. The categories often do not match the real world.
- In our work with furniture manufacturers and retailers we consistently need breakdowns of mrgs. shipments by product classification (ie. bedroom) on a more timely basis & retail sales at a smaller geographic level.
- 1). I cannot say that this is pressing, but I would like to see the results of the state-level retail trade series. 2). I need data files that are easily read into software such as SAS and SPSS. I also tend, when I am looking for somethin, to require as much history as I can get, because that is what is demanded of me. It would help me a great deal if all federal agencies that release dat (especially Census, BEA, and BLS) would release an actual data file (e.g. GDP.DAT rather than GDP. BEA) at the same time as the press release, much as The Federal Reserve does with its industrial production notices. More history dat on CD-ROM products, such as USA Counties would sometimes be useful as well (say 1940 or 1950 if available).
- A published paper version should always be made available for purchase to the public. Information being available on the internet is nice, yet it is a completely different animal than having a hard copy version of the information. An example: I can receive my new off the internet, but I still prefer to get my newspaper in the morning for reading at my leisure away from a computer.
- When is 1997 Census to be available? Please keep as much of the data in print as possible-- Thanks!
- Census bureau data is always helpful--the data you provide enhances our publication and enables readers to make informal business decisions.
- Documents need to more clearly state whom to contact for follow-up information.
- Thanks for asking!
- Over the past several months, I have begun to utilize the U.S. Census Bureau's web site, specifically the economic briefing room. I use this information in conjunction with the Kiplinger letter to keep up with marketing analysts. Having the information on the web makes it very easy to access. Thanks!
- You have set up an excellent web site that is easy to use, fast and usually supplies me with the information I'm seeking.
- Thank you for your great service!
- Whenever I have used statistics & required assistance I have found the staff both friendly & efficient. I remain very impressed with your web site & service provided.
- Your credibility is a great strength.
- --Strongly support new PACE (Pollution Abatement and Control Expenditures) studies
- --New BEA projections are needed (GSP, MSA-level, etc).
- We use business/commercial statistics when writing market reports. We are not regular users of any of the Census publications, but value them highly in our individual case work.
- We serve a varied clientele (academic, business, government, and private citizens) and work across many subject. Census data are absolutely vital to us. Our biggest need is for more geographic area detail more frequently (state, county, place, if possible). Users often do not understand the 5 yr. gaps and lag time for the major Economic Surveys that offer such detail, much less the 10 yr. decennial cycle. The internet is a great help in speeding "publication", but we find access is not yet universal. We still download and print entire documents for guide reference and historical purposes. I am concerned about just how long the electronic medi will remain accurate and usable as technology changes. How will the Bureau deal with these problems?
- Stat-USA is an extremely useful tool for retrieving data. I would like to see more files in spreadsheet format and the ability to download particular segments.
- Good job on the web site.
- Would like more detail on Semiconductor Industry (SIC 3674) and SIC 3661 & 3669 communications equipment. Also, computers SIC 3575,3577,3578, 35,79. Would like more details on subcategories in terms of sales dollars and total units sold.
- We are especially interested in trade stats and any information on companies that import or export-- e.g., number of Co's, manufacturer or wholesaler, # of employees, total sales export sales, product/NAIC codes, growth, etc.
- You provide very useful information. Please do not switch any data over to PDF if possible make ASM and Census Manufacturing available as text or some other useable format.

- PDF files are big and we have to retype the data for analysis. Having raw or spreadsheet/database data would save us much time. BLS's web site is a good one to study.
- M3 data for office and computer appears to be overly strong, probably because software is being counted instead of just hardware.
- State and Local Government Finance Estimates, by State. We appreciate having this information on the Internet but wish the report was still published. Is there any way of compiling the data sooner? It is almost too old to be of any use.
- We look forward to working with you on the upcoming Census.
- Tables which have no column headings and which one must consult separate documents are highly confusing.
- I always use your data for the economic releases. My major concerns are: timeliness of data availability on web and being able to print the data from the web without having to reformat printing fonts. I also to the revisions when they come out, but often the location and structure of the revisions is confusing.
- Current setup on the web is extremely frustratingly for someone trying to print/download data and reports

-> Make .XLS files available with lots of historical data.

___ Use .PDF filrds for pasting your releases -Having to flow ascii into a word processor and reformat is not the way to go. Email sub would be helpful

- I appreciate receiving this survey.
- We're still waiting for an order blank so we can order the 1997 Economic Census.
- We are in the site selection/economic development function. Census data is absolutely crucial to our function, especially the ability to compare areas.
- We have developed "Productivity Enhancement and Control (Peacon) Plan." This plan will solve 20 major economic problems of the U.S. and provide about \$10,000 to all wage earners earning up to \$200,000. It will double the minimum wage, reduce unemployment to 2% reduce poverty to 2% and provide health care benefits and solve other economic problems. Over 98% of the work force will benefit at the the cost of upper 2%, whose income will be reduced considerably.
- Please update my address in your records. Thanks!
- Most interested in current industrial reports (MA36H) regarding electronic motors (product codes 3621215 - 3621219, 322122-362112P), and imports/exports of the same (ref: HTS 850 etc.)
Thanks for asking?

P.S. Also interested in small single phase motors (2-digit) 362111A--362123F

- We love the Census Bureau! Clear publications indices and ease of search engines on the Internet site are very important to us. Also, choice of how to download data is good, not all users need or can use spreadsheet software.
- Small Businesses, with fewer people these days are buried with government paperwork.
- More documentation and instructions for obtaining data from gohper directories would be helpful.
- Sorry this is late I switched firms and lost the letter.
- prefer e-mail
- Surveys are informative; Good source for benchmarking; Would like to see more details on industries.
- The Website can be quite cumbersome to search sometimes.
- Many of your monthly data crimes current, per month of 2 months ago but not year ago. I would be useful to have year ago and /or a full updated file with historical data. For example: new orders, inventories, etc.
- I like the fact that the Census Bureau Produces many of is documents in the .pdf format, these are easy to print, bind and archive in our library. However, what is even more important to our firm is the ability to manipulate the data, and easily bring it into a data base or spreadsheet. If I had to choose I would prefer the raw data to the printable format.

I might use more of the data listed in question now that I know it exists.

- Good to see this survey! Dealing with you via the Internet and mail is going well. However, trying to reach people ove rthe phone is still a major headache.

Figure 1: